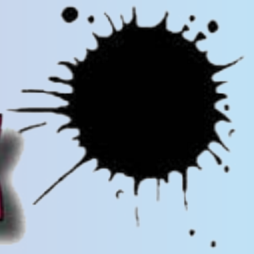


Sooner Scribes Drops of Ink



February 2013

Sooner Scribes Calligraphy Guild of Oklahoma City, OK

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Authors of these cards from Left to Right:
 Janis Blevins, Phylis Smith, Pat Lynn
 Moses, Sharon McKay

Program News

The Christmas Card Exchange and Potluck party was fun and filled with many good things to eat as well as three new members.

If you did not or could not attend, you missed out on good fellowship, good food and great cards.



Left to Right:
 Pat Lynn Moses, Rita
 Busch



Left to Right:
 Robin Mead, Phyllis
 Pennington, Micah
 McCarty



Left to Right:
 Wendy Fox, Janis
 Blevins, Barbara
 LaGree

President's Letter

Happy February everyone ... and I hope that your Valentine's Day spreads sticky sweetness – and maybe a few letters along with hearts!

The last weekend in January heralds the annual SouthWest Calligraphy Conference, and this year Wendy Fox and I drove down to Austin, Texas to meet with our fellow guild presidents and workshop chairs from the guilds of Texas, Oklahoma, and New Orleans, LA. As always, the conference was packed with the exchange of ideas, progress & problems, and wonderful camaraderie. At our February meeting, I will have a notebook with the reports of each of the member organizations; you are encouraged to read through those reports to glimpse the excitement of how other guilds are functioning, and how we can be guided by their experiences, too.

Our executive board met on February 5th, and you will find the minutes



Sooner Scribes is a lettering arts guild founded in 1980 whose purpose is to promote the study and critical practice of calligraphy as an art form. We seek to encourage individual excellence and to help foster a wider appreciation and deeper understanding of calligraphy. We are committed to teaching the history and application of calligraphy by interchanging ideas through workshops, monthly newsletters and monthly meetings.

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Annual dues: \$30

Monthly meeting dates are listed in the newsletter Events Calendar. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, unless otherwise specified.

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of that meeting posted on your website (soonerscribes.com). Be sure to read those minutes so that you may stay informed about decisions being made that will affect you, and our path to 'Better our Guild'!

I would draw your attention to two more items in this newsletter to read carefully: 'Webmaster/Drops of Ink Editor' and 'Document Camera and Projector' ... as we will be voting on these important matters at a future meeting.

I extend my sincere thanks and complete gratitude to all those Scribes who have offered their own expertise, time, and ideas in so many ways – the very things that cause a group to function, and to grow! We have a full slate of officers, and only need a few more folks on some committees in order to meet some of the goals and objectives we're moving toward. Thanks, Everyone!

See you on Monday, February 25th!
pat lynn mores

February's Program

Book Lovers Have Chance to Expand Their Libraries at February Meeting

Date: Monday, Feb . 25th

Place: Will Rogers Garden Center

Time: 6:30 p.m. – Refreshments & the Letter "S"

6:45 p.m. – Business Meeting

7 p.m. – Silent Auction Begins

Come early and learn how different the letter "S" can look in a variety of typefaces. No supplies needed. Sharon McKay will demonstrate and provide handouts.

If you have art supplies that you would like to sell, trade or give away, bring them to the meeting. Free table space will be provided for you to make your own deals.

Sooner Scribes' library of hardcover books, paperbacks and magazines will be sold in a silent auction. Many items have a starting bid of only \$1. Artists of all skill levels will benefit from the inspiration these materials provide. Payment will be by check or cash only (no credit cards). So, if cash is your preference - bring lots of \$1 bills. Bids will be in \$1 increments; no change.

Below is a table listing all the items for sale in alphabetical order during the Sooner Scribes Silent Auction Sale. Be sure and scour through this list to see what appeals to you and bring CASH in small bills.

Supply List:

1. Unused Art & Calligraphic Materials/Tools to swap, share or sell
2. Big roll of \$1 bills to use in the Silent Auction Bidding and Purchase
3. Bargain Sale Mentality

op – Original Price

hb hard back – pb paper back

A	An Italic Calligraphy Handbook – Carolyn Knudsen 1985 op \$12.95, hb
B	Black White and Read – Michael Clark- signed op? pb The Book of Hours – John Harthan 1977 op \$29.95 hb
C	Calligraphy – Johann Georg Shwandner 1958 op \$6.00, pb Calligraphy – The Art of Lettering with the Broad Pen – BJ MacDonald op? pb Calligraphy Reviews 25 issues 1990's op single issue \$11.00 pb Calligraphy Idea Exchange 2 issues op? pb Calligraphic Cut-paper Designs – Arthur Baker 1983 op \$2.50 pb The Calligraphers' Dictionary – Rose Folsom 1990 op \$24.95 hb The Calligrapher's Handbook – Society of Scribes & Illuminators 1983 op? pb Classic Italic – Abraham Lincoln 1981 op?, pb Classical Ornament of the 18th Century – Michelangelo Pergolesi 1970 op \$7.00 pb Copy Book – Irene Wellington op? pb The Craft of Calligraphy – Dorothy Mahoney – 1981 op\$9.95 pb
D	The Development of Writing – Die Schriftentwicklung – 1977 op? pb
E	Edward Johnston – Priscilla Johnston 1976 op?, pb
F	43 Years of Handlettering & Calligraphy – James L. Wood op? pb
G	
H	How to Sell Calligraphy – Abraham Lincoln 1979 op\$4.25 pb
I	Introduction to Marbling – Paul Maurer, signed 1984 op? pb International Calligraphy Today – exhibition 1980 NYC op\$27.50 hb Italic Calligraphy & Handwriting – Lloyd Reynolds 1969 op ? pb Italic Handwriting – Denys Taipale 1980 op? pb
J	Journal for the Calligraphic Arts newsletters 1987 op\$2.50 pb
K	
L	The Little ABC Book of Rudolf 1976 op \$6.95 pb Layout and Design For Calligraphers –Alan Furber1984, signed. op\$4.95 pb Letter Arts Review 1990s' 9 issue op\$12.50 pb Lettering – Hermann Degering 1965, op?, pb Lettering Arts in the 80's - exhibition Colleagues of Calligraphy 1984 op? hb Lettercutting In Stone – Richard Grasby1989 L7.95 hb Lojor's Letters – Jacqueline Svaren 1981, op? pb
M	Manuscript Painting at the Court of France – Francois Avril 1976 op\$11.95, pb Modern Scribes & Lettering Artists – Society of Scribes & Illuminators 1980 op \$20.00 hb Monumental Islamic Calligraphy from India 1985 op \$10.95 pb More Than Fine Writing – Irene Wellington 1987 op \$29.95 hb

N	Neugebauer Scribe of Austria – Huib Van Krimpen 1982 op\$15.00 pb
O	The Origin of the Serif –Edward Catich 1991 op?, pb
P	Painting fro Calligraphers – Marie Angel 1984, op \$25.00, hb Pattern & Design – Edward B. Edwards 1967 op\$3.00, pb Pen Lettering – Ann Camp1980 op\$3.95 pb
Q	
R	Reed, Pen & Brush Alphabets – Edward Catich 1980 op\$8.95 pb The Roman Letter - James Hayes, op? pb
S	
T	Treasury of Alphabets & Lettering Jan Tschichold 1992 op\$29.95 pb
U	The Universal Traveler – Don Koberg & Jim Bagnall1976 \$5.95 pb
V	Visible Language – research journal 1987 op? pb
W	Words of Risk – Art of Thomas Ingmire – Michael Gullick 1989 op\$25 pb Written Letters – Jacqueline Svaren 1986 op\$11.95 pb Writing & Illuminating & Lettering – Edward Johnston 1980 op? pb
Y	
Z	The Zanerian Manual of Alphabets & Engrossing – Zaner 1981 op? pb Ziller Inks op? CD

Proposed addition to Standing Policies of Sooner Scribes Calligraphy Guild

The following is proposed for inclusion in the ‘Standing Policies’ of the Sooner Scribes Calligraphy Guild. Voting on this measure will be held at the guild meeting to be held on February 25th, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th Street, OKC.

Webmaster/Drops of Ink Editor

The Webmaster/Drops of Ink Editor duties shall be a combined position appointed by the President and included as a member of the Executive Board. The Webmaster shall maintain and keep current the soonerscribes.com website, including that domain name registration and web hosting fees are kept current. The Webmaster, working with the president and others, will publish the Drops of Ink newsletter at least nine times each year, post it to the website and send it out to members electronically. The person performing these duties shall be compensated by receiving paid scholarships to two major Sooner Scribes workshops or a combination of one major workshop and additional mini-workshops for a total not to exceed \$250 annually.

Document Camera and Projector purchase

Sooner Scribes Membership Vote!

Document cameras allow the easy viewing of small objects, text from a book or off a sheet of paper, a document, demonstration, program or workshop presentation by a group of people. The objects are projected up on a

large screen for the entire audience to view clearly, and at the same time while remaining seated. By simply connecting the document camera to a projector (sold separately) the presenter is able to offer a clear, detailed view to everyone watching. No more crowding around a table to see the hands of a master calligrapher as he/she shows how to make a line, extend a stroke, etc.

Document cameras are widely used for video conferencing, lectures, courtrooms, hospitals, schools, government control rooms, corporate document sharing and are currently owned and used by every calligraphy guild in the Southwest Calligraphy Conference except for the Sooner Scribes and the New Orleans Guild (currently recovering from Katrina). Each of the guilds reports that this is the one tool that they simply would not want to give up. It has increased attendance for programs and workshops, and also makes it possible for more workshop attendees as many of the nationally accredited presenters prefer the use of such tools to make their own work easier and more productive and their workshops easier to present.

Members of the Sooner Scribes executive board have voiced approval, and our treasury contains ample funds for the purchase of the document camera/projector combo. We have volunteers willing to store the equipment and to provide transportation to and from meetings, workshops, etc. of the equipment.

Current plans include a demonstration of the document camera/projector combo by a member of the Tulsa Guild at our April 22nd meeting, and will include a vote by our membership at that meeting to approve the purchase of this equipment. The combo could be purchased and in place for our use in workshops and programs, by late spring or early summer. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Pat Lynn Moses at patriciamoses@me.com.

Needed: Helping Hands!

Scholarship Chair – Our scholarship fund is growing, and we need someone to set up governing rules for distribution to worthy applicants. If you could help with this duty, please contact Pat Lynn Moses at patriciamoses@me.com.

Service Project Volunteers – Want to help families build better relationships and help build a better community for our children? Here's your chance and it's fun AND easy! The Rainbow Fleet, 3024 N Paseo, is a not-for-profit organization providing education and resources to persons seeking child care or providing child care in central Oklahoma (rainbowfleet.org) with a goal to ensure that all children receive safe and high quality child care. Sooner Scribes Calligraphy Guild has chosen as our Service Project to provide fun calligraphic and paper arts projects during training sessions for Rainbow Fleet members. Our first opportunity occurs on **Saturday, March 23rd, at 10 a.m.**, when we will be teaching our RF friends how to construct a 'Rubber Band Book'. To help with this or future trainings, please contact Pat Lynn Moses at patriciamoses@me.com.

Door Prizes – All Scribes are invited to donate items to be given away as Door Prizes. Pass along your unused art and calligraphy items to be gifted to another scribe; just bring it/them along to any meeting and place it/them in the 'Door Prizes Box'. At each meeting a lucky attendee will have his/her name drawn and be invited to pick from the 'Box'.

Sooner Scribes Group Facebook page administration help is needed. See page 9 under Calling all Cyber-Scribes for more details.

Sooner Scribes Membership & Directories

The Board met on Feb. 5th to discuss some of the current issues important to all our members. As you know, our annual membership dues come due in January of each year. The annual dues are \$30.00. You should have received a mailing containing the membership application with a 2013 Survey on the back. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so by filling out the membership application and answering all the questions on the survey, then bring the application along with your check made out to Sooner Scribes to our February meeting or mail the application/survey and check to the P.O. Box listed on the application form.

In order to be included in the 2013 Sooner Scribes directory, we will need to have your updated application form and check by no later than March 25 (March meeting date).

The directories will be available for paid members to pick up at the meetings starting at April 22nd (April meeting date). If you cannot find the mailout membership form and survey, it is available online at: [Sooner Scribes Membership-Survey-2012-13.pdf](#).

Minutes of February Board Meeting

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOONER SCRIBES CALLIGRAPHY GUILD, February 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Guild President, Pat Lynn Moses, at 6:00 p.m. In addition to Pat Lynn Moses, Carol Manning, President-Elect, Past-Treasurer Wendy Fox, Secretary Kay Smith, Webmaster Phyllis Pennington, Publicity Committee member Barbara LaGree, and Sue Ann Rodgers, a Past President were in attendance.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

The newly-elected Treasurer, Charlene Morrow, could not attend so Wendy Fox, Past-Treasurer, reported that the Guild has 25 paid members and \$6,479.81 in its checking account. The Board discussed a preliminary annual budget for 2013 as follows:

Room rental.....	\$ 188
P.O. Box rental	88
Workshops.....	2,000
Web expenses	125
SW Conference	TBD
Scholarship fund.....	100
Supplies for Service Project	TBD

The Board tabled a discussion of scholarships until such time as there is a Scholarship Chair and/or policies governing the criteria for qualifying for/awarding scholarships.

The Past-Treasurer and the Treasurer will meet prior to the next Board Meeting to finalize the proposed budget for approval at the next meeting.

The Board proposed that the webmaster be compensated for her duties by free attendance at Guild Workshops equal in value to an amount to be determined at a later date. The Board also recommended that President Pat Lynn Moses be reimbursed for the cost of one printer cartridge in connection with printing Guild materials. Sue

Ann Rodgers volunteered to copy and mail newsletters that continue to be sent to long-time members who do not receive the newsletter via email.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that the following officers were unanimously elected upon motion by Robin Mead seconded by Phyllis Pennington at the Pot Luck Meeting held on January 28, 2013:

President:	Pat Lynn Moses
President-Elect:	Carol Manning
Treasurer:	Charlene Morrow
Secretary:	Kay Smith
Workshop Chair:	Wendy Fox

In addition, the following members have agreed to serve in the capacities indicated:

Thank You Committee:	Janis Blevins and Lydia Zimmerman
Publicity Committee:	Carol Manning, Vikki Hendrix and Barbara LaGree
Webmaster & Drops Editor:	Phyllis Pennington
Historian:	Sharon McKay

Newsletter/Webmaster Report

The Board recommended that the December newsletter be discontinued and there will be one annual postal mailing (preferably in early December) that will include membership form and member survey, with return envelope.

The Board recommended that the membership consider printing an annual membership directory to include Standing Policies and ByLaws.

The Board also discussed whether to continue updating the Guild's FaceBook page and agreed that this was not currently a priority.

Workshop Chair Report

Wendy Fox, Workshop Chair, reported that she has contacted Mike Kesceg to schedule a Pointed Pen Variations workshop for October, 2014. The Board discussed the need to provide opportunities for new members to learn Copperplate techniques prior to the workshop in order to maximize workshop participation. The Workshop Chair agreed to contact Mike Kesceg to identify what skills he recommends for workshop participants.

The Board discussed the plan to hold Mini-Workshops at either the Rainbow Fleet offices or the Scout Hut.

The Board recommended that Mini-Workshop teachers receive an honorarium to be determined based on the time involved, and that participants be charged a supply and/or workshop fee to be set by the Workshop Chair and the presenter.

President Pat Lynn Moses noted that the Guild would participate in a Service Project supporting Rainbow Fleet on March 23 at 10:00 a.m. Pat Lynn Moses and Wendy Fox will present the art of making Rubber Band Books. Other volunteers will be welcomed.

Thank You Committee

Lydia Zimmerman and Janis Blevins, members of the Thank You Committee, continue to provide Thank You cards to Guild presenters and supporters. The Board noted that additional cards are needed.

Publicity Committee

The Board recommended that the Committee consider preparing public service message promoting the Guild and sending a press release to the Gazette.

Southwest Calligraphy Conference

Pat Lynn and Wendy reported on their experiences at the Southwest Calligraphy Conference. They noted that other Guilds highly recommend the use of a Projector/Camera to maximize the benefit of workshop participation. The approximate cost of this equipment is \$1,200. The Board recommended that members of the Tulsa Guild be invited to demonstrate the use of this equipment, and that acquisition of the equipment be presented for a vote of the membership at the April meeting.

Pat Lynn noted that other Guilds have public exhibits at libraries, hospitals and other public places. Other ideas include entering members in a raffle who pay their dues prior to the February meeting. The Board discussed selling bookmarks or taking a percentage of Guild shop and swaps to raise funds. Finally, Pat Lynn and Wendy noted that other Guilds have been successfully using mentors to enhance new member interest.

Other ideas presented at the Conference included: Scribe & Describe/Show & Tell; an annual theme; concentrating on one letter per meeting; creating a business card or pamphlet to tack on business bulletin boards; having a budget; having a PR Committee; member door prize donations; an embellished canvas tablecloth for meetings; and "Saturday Special" mini-workshops.

New Business

- **2013 Programs** – February 25 – Early Scribes 15 Minutes; Sharon McKay will present the letter "S." Sharon McKay and Carol Manning will hold a book sale/show and swap as the program. Wendy Fox and Barbara LaGree will provide refreshments.
- **March 25** - Early Scribes 15 Minutes – Sue Ann Rodgers will present the letters "B" and "D." For the Program, Karyn Gilman will present a PowerPoint on the history of calligraphy and noted calligraphers entitled "The Calligraphic Journey." Kay Smith and Wendy Fox will provide refreshments.
- **April 22** - Early Scribes 15 Minutes – Wendy Fox will present the letter "R." Pat Lynn Moses and Wendy Fox will present the program "Going Away to Refresh and Learn."
- **May 20** – Pot Luck Party – Need a host home.
- **Summer Meetings** – The Board recommended that meetings in June and July 2013 be less formal and focus on new member education. Volunteers are needed to assist with the June and July meetings.
- **Future Programs and Workshops** – The Board discussed recommendations for future workshops including
 - **Basics of Copperplate** by Wendy Fox
 - **Sink Art** by Mary Kay White
 - **Folded Pen Color** by Sue Ann Rodgers
 - **Project Layout Start to Finish** by Mary Kay White
 - **Gelatin Printing** with Pat Lynn Moses and Kay Smith
- **Mentor Program** – The Board agreed to table a discussion of the Mentor Program until March.
- **Door Prizes** – The Board recommended that members be encouraged to donate items or gift cards for door prizes, and that the President take a "donation box" to meetings to collect door prizes.

Sooner Scribes Board Meeting Minutes continued

Next Guild Meeting

The next meeting will be February 25, 2013 at Will Rogers Garden Center. This meeting will be a Silent Auction of Sooner Scribes library materials and a Swap 'n Shop for Scribes wishing to 'clear out' some of their unused art and calligraphy materials.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held March 16, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Pat Lynn Moses. Motion to adjourn was made at 9:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Kay Smith, Secretary 2/5/2013

Calling All CyberScribes!

Our Facebook Page needs some extra tending. If you like Facebook and use it often, please join our Facebook page and request to be added as an administrator to our Sooner Scribes Group Page.

Donna Livingston started this page and added me, Phyllis Pennington, as an administrator. Currently, Donna no longer is active on the page. I need a couple of other FB scribes to help with these duties. If you want the Scribes Group Page to remain as a way to get notices and updates, please help out. Otherwise, I will be forced to inactivate it. Being the Editor/Publisher of the Drops Newsletter and other publications and the Webmaster of Sooner Scribes website is enough to keep me very busy. Just sayin'!



Sooner Scribes Events Calendar

Date	Event Description	Location
Feb. 25	Early Scribes is brought to you by Sharon McKay and sponsored by the letter S Book Sale & Swap Meet Carol Manning & Sharon McKay	Will Rogers Garden Center
Mar. 16	Saturday Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m. (all are welcome)	PLM's home
Mar. 25	Early Scribes is brought to you by Sue Ann Rodgers and sponsored by the letters B & D A Calligraphic Journey Karyn Gilman	Will Rogers Garden Center
Apr. 22	Early Scribes is brought to you by Wendy Fox and sponsored by the letter R Getting Outside the Box for Learning Opportunities! Wendy Fox, Pat Lynn Moses & Jacque Mitchner	Will Rogers Garden Center
*May 20	Spring Fling Potluck Dinner Party	member's home - TBA





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Phyllis Pennington, *Web designs, Publications*